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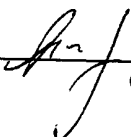
For: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING ALLELES**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the following paragraphs in the specification of the application to read as follows:

**Paragraph 10**

FIG. 1 is a diagram which illustrates allele identification utilizing an allele specific primer extension methodology according to the present invention. (SEQ ID NOS: 14-18 are shown in this figure.)

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